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Having broken ground in October 2023, **to date, we have raised almost 80% of the \$29M** needed to bring our vision to life. Our support now comes from a wide range of public and private sources, including state government departments, legislatively directed investments, three federal grants, major donors, and generous foundations. Even with the buildings still under construction, we have won an American Institute of Architects' (AIA) Citation Award for *"exemplary achievement"* and *"outstanding contributions to the well-being of children and families, commitment to environmental sustainability, and dedication to inclusivity and diversity."* An almost \$1M grant from the Department of Energy will allow us to install a full array of solar panels and meet our target of being a Net Zero campus!

We are very proud to say that our project has been featured in three separate articles on the growing field of trauma informed design, attracting both local and national attention as a model to learn from and follow. We would be honored to see more Parrott Creeks popping up across the country!

In August, with 80% of the needed funding secured, and a construction loan in place to cover the gap while we raise the final amounts, the Parrott Creek board approved the addition of perhaps the most important elements to our kids: high-quality sports amenities. The board also approved all costs on the final phase of construction and our campus is scheduled to reopen summer 2025.

Enclosed are just a few of the highlights from the last year of the campaign along with what we hope are an inspiring set of photos of our construction process to date.

Government Investment Update - October 2024

The Oregon Capital Chronicle once again featured our Bright Futures project in an article highlighting the significant investments we have received from state and federal government bodies and that *"...in a legislative presentation last week, Oregon Health Authority officials highlighted the need for youth residential services. A state report released in June found Oregon requires 3,700 more beds to serve people with mental health and addiction treatment needs. But that report only shows the need for adults, not youth."* We are proud to be doing our part to fill this huge gap in community services- and we have only been able to do so with everyone's support.



Senator Ron Wyden Site Visit - June 2024

Two of our youth (and some staff) had the honor of giving Senator Ron Wyden a tour of our residential treatment campus under construction. The Senator got to see firsthand what trauma informed design really is, why we are building first-class facilities for kids who are typically given scraps, and he advocated holding us up as a *"national example"* of what we should all be striving for. Thank you Senator for believing in our vision!



Trauma Informed Design - April to October 2024

Parrott Creek's trauma-informed design has been highlighted three times in the architecture industry press as a sector-leading effort. *"A full set of trauma-responsive strategies deployed at Parrott Creek ranges from clarity of wayfinding to a special finish on bedside walls that's comforting for kids to touch if they're anxious in the night. Even a photovoltaic array with battery backup contributes, guarding against surprise power outages that could trigger kids' trauma...."*



\$3M in Federal Funding - March 2024

"Parrott Creek plays a vital role in safeguarding our children's futures and strengthening the bonds that hold families together. I believe it's our responsibility to ensure child and family service centers like Parrott Creek have the resources needed to provide a first line of defense for those who need it. I was honored to assist in securing federal funding that will help the facility expand and serve even more Oregon families. By investing in Parrott Creek, we are really investing in the future of our communities." – Representative Chavez-DeRemer



KOIN TV Coverage - February 2024

Local news station KOIN did an extensive feature on Parrott Creek, spotlighting the critical lack of appropriate residential treatment capacity for children and youth in Oregon, and the vision we are bringing to life to help solve this crisis. We firmly believe that every community-focused development should respond to the immediate need or crisis AND embrace a bold vision of what is truly possible in the long term. It is for these reasons that we embedded cutting-edge, trauma-informed design principles at the heart of our plans, and then further enhanced these with a commitment to a Net Zero campus, stretch targets for women and minority owned business participation, local job creation, and an indigenous "land back" initiative for our 80 acres of forest, wetland and creeks.



American Institute of Architect's (AIA) Citation Award - November 2023

Parrott Creek and El Dorado Architects received an American Institute of Architect's (AIA) Citation Award for our project's *"exemplary achievement"* and *"outstanding contributions to the well-being of children and families, its commitment to environmental sustainability, and its dedication to inclusivity and diversity."* AIA is a national architecture organization that provides contract templates, framework guidelines and a stable network system for seasoned and emerging professionals. El Dorado's Project Architect Sophie Hong explained that, *"our AIA Oregon chapter has 5 smaller chapters within the larger cities of the state. So to be recognized within the state and by esteemed jurors from outside of the state is quite an honor!"*



GROUNDBREAKING - October 2023

On October 20, 2023 we welcomed over fifty guests to our Groundbreaking Ceremony. Along with the time-honored tradition of photos with a *"golden shovel"*, we were proud to feature comments from a former youth resident, State Senator Mark Meek and field representatives for both Senator Merkley and Congresswoman Chavez DeReamer. Media coverage included KPTV, the Portland Business Journal, The Oregonian, the Oregon Daily Journal of Commerce and the Clackamas/Milwaukie Review.



CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS SEPTEMBER 2023 - SEPTEMBER 2024







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